ting the item cleared and the actual food inodiated for internal use and exports, separately;

(b) what are the names of the countries to which exports were made; and

(c) whether Government are aware that the sales to super markets in U.K., U.S.A. and Holland have dropped dramatically as mentioned in London Food Commission Magazine, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Though Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has cleared irradiation of onion, spices and frozen sea food for export presently no food item for export is irridiated. As regards clearance of irradiated food for domestic consumption, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare have published draft rules under PFA on food irradiation for inviting public comments.

(c) No authentic information is available in this regard.

Review of policy of marine fisheries

4087. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently reviewed the policy of marine fisheries bringing therein suitable changes for proper exploitation of marine fisheries;

(b) if so, what are the details of the new policy particularly with regard to joint ventures in the field of marine fisheries; and

(c) what are the names of the companies presently operating in marine fisheries and what is their annual catch in terms of quantity and value?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Salient features of Joint Ventures, Leasing and Test Fishing Policy announced in March 1991 are furnished at Statement (*See* below).

(c) Marine fisheries consists of coastal and deep sea fishing. In Coastal fishing 34,571 mechanised boats and 2,06,171 country craft are operating. In deep sea fishing 184 Indian owned vessels are under operation and out of valid charter permits for 63 vessels; about 26 are under operation on any day. However the actual number of boats/ vessels actually fishing at any given moment of time; varies considerably and from day to day It is therefore, difficult to furnish their names and other details. However, the quantity of marine products exported frof Indian during the last three years are given below.

Year	Quantity of Export (in tonnes)	Value (in Rs. crores)
1989 90	110,843	634.99
1990 91	139,419	893.37
1991 92	171,820	1375.89

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Salient Features of New Deep Sea Fishing Policy

(i) *Leasing of foreign fishing vessels.*

The salient features of leasing policy are:

(a) Long term leasing of foreign fishing vessels for operation in Indian water will be allowed in terms of Maritime Zones of India Rules 1982.

(b) Leased vessel should be preferable new. However second-hand vessels also may be taken on lease subject to satisfactory performance of the vessel.

(c) Central Government will prescribe the value addition in respect of leased vessel for each project on case to case basis.

(d) An amount equal to one year's lease rent shall be submitted in the form of bank guarantee in favour of Government of India. The Bank guarantee should be valid till the end of the lease period.

(ii) *Test Fishing:*

The salient features of Test Fihing are:

(a) Test fishing will be permitted is the Indian EEZ only in the folowing types of fishing operations:

—Trawling for deep sea lobster and deep sea shrimp (other than pair trawling) beyond the territorial waters.

—*Long lining.*

—Tuna purse seining.

—Other methods such as squid jigging, hand lining, etc. Area restrictions applicable to foreign chartered vessels under the Maritime Zones of India Act, 1981 and Rules, 1982 will also be applicable to Test Fishing.

(b) Test Fishing will not be permitted for shrimp resources in the Northern Bay of Bengal regional.

(c) The foreign collaborator undertaking test fishing should be an established fishing company operating and owning a fleet of deep sea fishing vessels.

(d) Test fishing will be governed by the provisions of Maritime Zones of India Act, 1981, Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 and the Maritime Zones of India Rules 1982 (as amended from time to time) and the broad guidelines specified therein.

(e) All data generated including details of operations during test fishing will be made available to the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) and the Fishery Survey of India.

(f) The Indian and foreign company will deposit a bank guarantee of Rs. 2.5 lakhs per vessel from an approved bank and valid for 18 months in favour of MPEDA. Fee for Test Fishing will Rs. 1 lakh per vessel per annum.

(iii) *Joint Ventures:*

The salient features of Joint Venture policy are:

(A Joint Ventures involving financial and technical collaboration for exploitation of deep sea resources within and beyond EEZ by any of the following methods would be encouraged:

(a) Trawling for Deep Sea Lobsloter and Deep Sea Shrimp (other than Pair Traweling) beyond the territorial waters;

(b) Long Lining;

(c) Tuna Purse seining;

(d) Other methods such as squid jigging, hand lining etc. (Provided however that no joint venture proposal for shimping in Northern Bay of Bengal shall be considered).

(B) Generally the foreign collaborator would be permitted to hold upto 40 per cent of the paid up share capital of the joint venture company. Any relaxation of this norm would be considered on a case by case basis depending on technology on board processing etc.

(C) Foreign crew may be permitted on a case by case basis subject to such terms as may be agreed upon. A schedule of phasing out of foreign crew and inducting Indian crew should be submitted at the time of application.

(D) The cost of the vessel supplied by foreign collaborator may be treated as his paid up share capital in the company upto a ceiling as may be agreed under clause 2, subject to the price of vessel being certified as per procedure to be laid down by the Ministry of Surface Transport.

World Bank assistance for Food Processing projects in Maharashtra

4088. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the location of the projects proposed for clearance by Food Processing Industries from Maharashtra in general and the detail of the projects from Vidarbha and Marathwada regions of Maharashtra in particular during the last three years year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the World Bank did not extend assistance for some of these projects because of the failure of the State Government to provide the required guarantee particularly for orange processing project at Narkhed in Vidarbha region although viability of the project was supported and strongly recommended by Kolhe Committee set up by the State Government;

(c) if so, what are the details of the cases rejected indicating therein the reasons for rejection in each case; and

(d) what action Government propose to take in such cases of discrimination and the manner in which financial assistance from World Bank etc. is likely to be sought?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Proposal for setting up food processing industries in Mulshi Taluk (Distt. Pune) Nasik; Thane Nanded; Amrawati; Raigad and Bombay have been cleared during the last three years.

(b) to (d) No proposal for seeking assistance from World Bank for food processing industries in Maharashtra is under consideration of the Government.

Deep Sea Fishing

@4089. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to establish inter-ministerial panel on deep sea fishing;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) No, Sir. An inter-ministerial Empowered Committee of Secretaries on Deep Sea Fishing is already functioning. The composition and functions of the committee is furnished at Statement (*See* below). There is, however, a proposal to re-constitute the committee.

[@Previously Unstarred Question 3852, transferred from 18th December, 1992]